

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE CONFIRMATION OF THE HONORABLE DANA M. DOUGLAS TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Investiture of the Honorable Dana M. Douglas, who was confirmed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on December 13, 2022 by the Senate, with bipartisan support, following her nomination by President Joseph R. Biden on June 15, 2022. Judge Douglas received her commission on December 16, 2022.

Judge Douglas' confirmation to the Fifth Circuit is undoubtedly historic, but she additionally has the experience, temperament, and integrity to also be a historic judge on the Fifth Circuit. She will be the first Black woman to ever serve on this circuit.

Judge Douglas is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio) and attended Loyola University College of Law in New Orleans. Upon graduation, she served as a law clerk in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana to the Honorable Judge Ivan L.R. Lemelle. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Douglas practiced in the areas of energy, products liability, and intellectual property litigation in the state and federal courts of Louisiana and across a wide variety of industry sectors as shareholder (partner) in a regional law firm based here in New Orleans.

Judge Douglas has been committed to her community for her entire career. She currently sits on the boards of the Thomas More American Inns of Court and Federal Bar Association. She also serves as the Louisiana Bar Foundation Community Partnership Chairperson for Greater New Orleans. Judge Douglas is a Past President of both the New Orleans Bar Association and the Greater New Orleans Louis A. Martinet Society. She also served as Chair of the 2017 Annual Justice For All Ball, a fundraiser that benefits The Pro Bono Project which provides pro bono civil legal aid services to the underserved in New Orleans. Judge Douglas served as a Vice-Chair and Commissioner of the New Orleans Civil Service Commission. The Commission is the quasi-judicial and policy-making body that exercises oversight of activities of the city's Civil Service Department. She is also a Charter and Founding Member of the Louisiana Chapter of the Women's Energy Network.

Judge Douglas' service to the community has been formally recognized by many. In 2008, she was presented with the prestigious Louisiana State Bar Association ("LSBA") President's Award. She was also twice selected as a "Women of the Year" honoree by New Orleans CityBusiness and a recipient of the 2018 National Bar Association Women Lawyers Division Outstanding Minority Partner

in Majority Firm Award. Judge Douglas is also a past recipient of the LSBA Crystal Gavel Award, the Federal Bar Association Camille Gavel Award, and the Loyola University School of Law Gillis Long Public Service Award.

I was proud to recommend her appointment to President Biden and applaud the Senate on her successful confirmation. Congratulations to Judge Douglas on this momentous achievement. This is a wonderful day for Louisiana and our entire Nation.

SALEM MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, in January, I had the pleasure of attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for Salem Medical Center in South Jersey, which recently became an affiliate of Inspira Health. This medical center offers an abundance of necessary medical services, high quality care, and best-in-class resources to residents in Salem County. These services include mental health resources, cardiology, orthopedics, wound care, gastroenterology, surgical services, urology, bariatric services, and 24/7 emergency services. In addition to providing essential medical services, the Salem Medical Center also employs about 350 people in the South Jersey community. I thank all the staff at the medical center for the crucial work they do for our community, and it was my pleasure to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony. God Bless the Salem Medical Center, and God Bless our United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE AHSAA CLASS 5A STATE TITLE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Valley High School boys' basketball team for being undefeated and winning the AHSAA Class 5A state title.

On March 4, 2023, the Valley High Rams played fast, leaving no doubt as to who deserves to be state champion, beating Charles Henderson 54–50 to secure their title win. The game was played at BJCC's Legacy Arena in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Rams finished their championship season a perfect 33–0. Coach Marshon Harper led the Rams to become just the 11th boys' team in AHSAA history to be undefeated.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Coach Harper, the Valley High School

boys' basketball team, students, faculty and all the fans. Go Rams.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I rise to celebrate National Women's History Month and its 2023 theme, Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories. Each year, the National Women's History Alliance selects a unifying theme in honor and celebration of Women's History Month. This year's theme recognizes women in present time and throughout history who have played an active role in all forms of media and storytelling including radio, print, screen, television, electronic media, and more.

As we celebrate the many women who have devoted their lives and talents to creating art and seeking the truth through storytelling, I would like to take the time to honor Dorothy Leavell, editor and publisher of the Crusader Newspaper Group, which consists of the Chicago Crusader and Gary Crusader newspapers. The Chicago Crusader was founded in 1940 by Mr. Balm L. Leavell, Jr. and Joseph H. Jefferson. In 1961, they established the Gary Crusader, a publication serving the City of Gary and the community of Northwest Indiana. Dorothy took the helm as editor and publisher after the passing of her husband, Balm, in 1968.

Throughout her career, Ms. Leavell has fought and beat the odds in a male-dominated industry. She remained grounded in her purpose to serve as an advocate for the African American community and has become a successful, accomplished, and innovative business leader. Under Dorothy's leadership, the Crusader Newspaper Group became a voting member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a federation of more than 250 African American-owned community newspapers throughout the United States. In 1995, Dorothy became only the second female president of the NNPA, a position she held from 1995 to 1999. She also served as chairperson of the NNPA Foundation from 2006 to 2011. Over the years, Ms. Leavell has received countless accolades honoring her truly remarkable and distinguished career. In addition, Dorothy has generously served her community by giving of her time and efforts to various charitable endeavors. For her exceptional devotion to these earnest causes, Dorothy has received numerous prestigious awards, and she is truly worthy of our admiration.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in celebrating Women's History Month and recognizing the dedication, perseverance, and contributions of Ms. Leavell and so many other extraordinary women have made to improve our communities through the stories they tell.

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